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Dear Dr. Stokes,

I commend your organization for considering the usage of three non-animal test methods - (EPISKIN(tm), EpiDerm(tm) and Rat Skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay) which can replace the use of rabbits, rats, and other animals in skin corrosion studies. This is a large step forward in reducing the need for animals in laboratories where they suffer greatly. However, please also consider using these non-animal tests exclusively. There is no need to continue to use animal tests when there are now such good alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,  
Lori Sklar